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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, PFOR, PINT, CI (GONZALEZ, RAFAEL)

SUBJECT: HORMAN CASE - RAFAEL GONZALEZ

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN ASKED AMBASSADOR TRUCCO ON JULY 22 TO LOOK INTO THE GONZALEZ MATTER. SHLAUDEMAN NOTED THE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH LEVEL OF REVIVED CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESS INTEREST IN THE HORMAN CASE AND ARGUED THAT MUTUAL INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED BY ALLOWING GONZALEZ TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY AND SPEAK OUT. IF GONZALEZ IS UNBALANCED MENTALLY THAT FACT WOULD SOON BECOME APPARENT.

2. TRUCCO PROFESSED TO BE UNAWARE OF GONZALEZ OR HIS STATEMENTS ON HORMAN'S DEATH. HE HAD NOT SEEN THE DUGUD ARTICLE OR OMANG'S PIECE. TRUCCO SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH SANTIAGO AND GET BACK TO US.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: YOU SHOULD FOLLOW UP WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT AN EARLY DATE. THE GOC NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE HORMAN CASE IS NOT ABOUT TO DIE AND THAT

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WE MUST CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO CLARIFY IT. BY ALLOWING

GONZALEZ TO COME HERE, THE GOC WOULD TAKE A LONG STEP
TOWARD REMOVING THE POISONOUS SUSPICION OF OFFICIAL GOC
COMPLICITY IN HORMAN'S MURDER. PROSPECTS FOR AN IMPROVE-
MENT IN THE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE TOWARD CHILE WILL REMAIN

POOR AS LONG AS THAT SUSPICION PERSISTS. IN OUR VIEW,
GONZALEZ DOES MORE DAMAGE TO THE GOC WHERE HE IS THAN HE
COULD HERE. A THOROUGH AIRING OF HIS ALLEGATIONS AND
THE GOC'S RESPONSE WOULD SERVE THE CHILEAN INTEREST AS
WELL AS OUR OWN. KISSINGER

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